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Changes for 'double-hatters' welcome news

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Staff Reporter

The Ford government has tabled legislation proposing changes to firefighting services, legislation that is welcome news to small communities across Ontario including the municipalities of Haliburton County.

Those changes, part of the government's Bill 57 introduced mid-November, will eliminate some existing barriers to what is known as "double-hatting." Double-hatters are full-time firefighters who serve with departments other than the one where they centrally employed, such as the volunteer fire departments in the communities where they live.

The firefighters' union has essentially outlawed the practice. Seeking to unionize part-time positions, the union has taken disciplinary action against double-hatters in the past, including issuing suspensions and fines. Its position has largely involved concerns around liability when double-hatters are injured.

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Uplifting evening

Alex Jowett, left, and India enjoy one of the balloons the Lions Club was giving out in downtown Haliburton on Friday evening before the Santa Claus Parade. The parade brought out crowds of families to the main street. More photos on page 3.
/JENN WATT Staff



Invasive beetle found in neighbouring areas

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The presence of the emerald ash borer hasn't been confirmed in Haliburton yet, but the invasive wood-boring beetle has been identified in Muskoka and City of Kawartha Lakes and it's just a matter of time before the insect establishes itself here.

The emerald ash borer, native to Asia, is a small beetle with a metallic green back and emerald green underside. It's believed to have crossed into Ontario at Windsor from the Detroit area, where it might have arrived in wood packaging or pallets. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency calls it "highly destructive," as it attacks and kills all species of ash and is already responsible for killing millions of trees in North America.

Infestations now exist across much of southern Ontario, according to the provincial government's information page about the insect, from Lambton County north to Grey County and east to Renfrew County and Ottawa. It's also been found on Manitoulin Island and in Sault Ste. Marie. The emerald ash borer was confirmed to be in Fenelon Falls in 2013, and just this past September in Bracebridge and Gravenhurst.

"We've been running this program for

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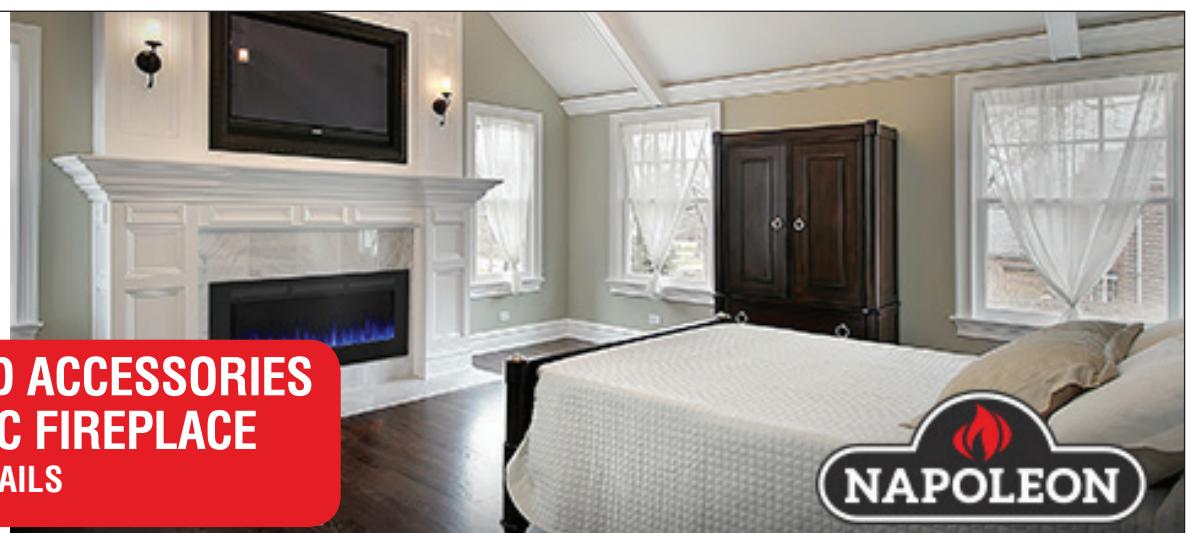
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Emerald ash borer being monitored in Muskoka region

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four years now and we've just got our first sighting this year of them," said Aaron Rusak, program co-ordinator at Muskoka Conservancy. The Muskoka Conservancy had been working with Bioforest Technologies as well as the cities of Bracebridge and Gravenhurst to monitor possible emerald ash borer infestation in the region using traps set up in area nature reserves, on town property and in areas offered by volunteer residents.

"The emerald ash borer causes over 90 per cent mortality in ash trees it infects, so it kills almost entire ash populations," said Rusak. "The worry mainly is that ... we have a lot of urban ash, so ash that has been planted in urban areas because it's a hearty tree. The worry is that it kills those, and then there's cost for the towns for either removal of the tree or cleaning up of the waste and then replanting. So there's concerns about it in the urban setting. But there's also concerns about it in the natural setting where it survives really well on shorelines and things like that, so it's used as a shoreline stabilizer and if we suddenly lose that, you see that potentially impacts on the shoreline as well. Essentially, the main concern is that we lose all of our ash ... it pretty much wipes out the tree populations wherever you find emerald ash borer."

Emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) feeds on all ash (*Fraxinus*) species in Ontario, as well as some non-native species such as European black ash. Mountain ash is safe, as it's actually a different species of tree.

Dan Rowlinson, co-ordinator of Ontario Forest Health Monitoring, provincial services division, biodiversity and monitoring section, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, said annual surveys for emerald ash borer presence occur in July.

"We fly annually and detect disturbances from the air on grid pattern searches," he told the *Echo*. "If we see ash that are dying or declining, we do ground verification to just confirm or deny if it is in fact emerald ash borer."

Because of its small, hard-to-spot size, it's possible that the emerald ash borer might be detected not by being spotted itself, but due to the serpentine, or S-shaped lines, formed underneath bark by larva, or by the actual presence of destroyed ash trees.

The lines left by the larva disrupt the natural nutrients and water transport system, which can leave what was a healthy tree dead in two to five years.

Signs of an infestation include chlorosis, or the loss of green colour in the uppermost leaves of ash trees, and thinning and dieback of the crown, according to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency website.

Adult beetles emerge from infested trees in May, fly to the next ash tree, and the cycle repeats.

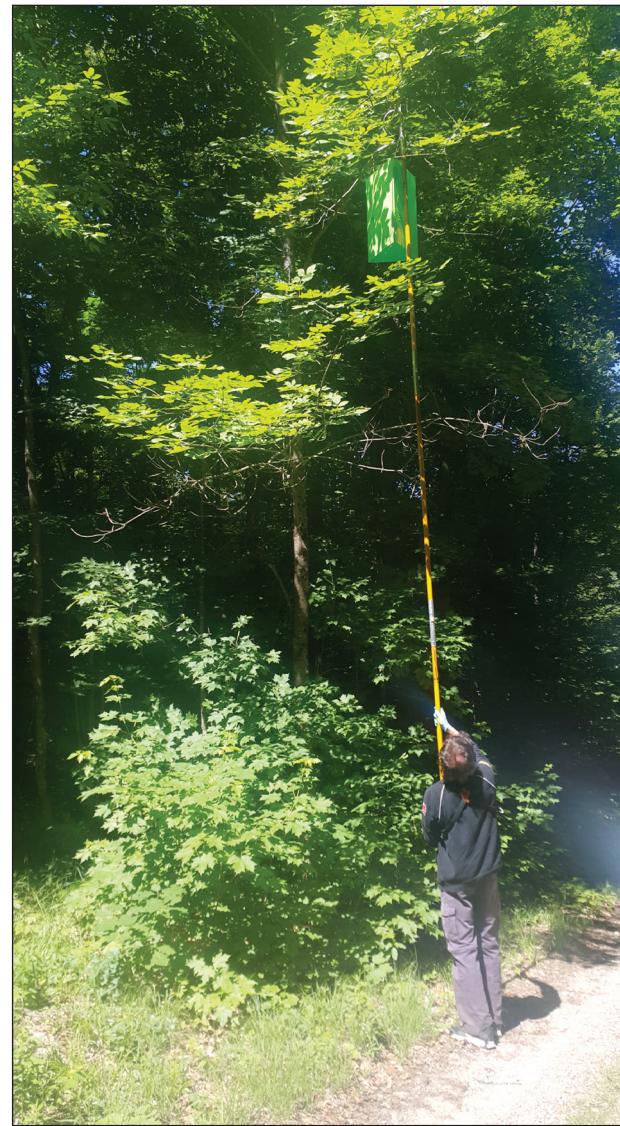
Catching signs of the beetle early is ideal.

"That's what the project was designed to do," said Rusak. "It was designed to catch it early so that we have time to prepare our response. In that sense, it's succeeded. It's bad news that we have the bug, but it's good news that we have the project and were able to catch it early on."

Now that their traps have shown signs of the insect, the Muskoka Conservancy has a plan.

"From there we're working with the towns to go toward the next steps: potentially continuing monitoring, a management plan being drafted, a decision being made about what's next, whether we're treating some of the trees, treating all of the trees, whether we're letting the bug just take its course..." said Rusak. "The decision ultimately comes down to the town, but we're partnering with them and helping them make that decision, we're providing any assistance we have, or any contacts we've made through this program."

"Early detection is probably the best opportunity to prevent it," said Rowlinson. "It's gonna come. It's going to come there eventually. But early detection gives you better opportunity to control it on things like ornamental type trees. And also, when you're planting trees in your yards or on your property or even in your towns or com-



Emerald ash borer, an invasive beetle that can devastate ash tree populations, has recently been discovered in Gravenhurst and Bracebridge after a long-term program in which traps were set up to capture signs of the insect's presence. /Submitted photo

munities, it's good to visit the [Ontario.ca] website and get a list of non-preferred host trees. Instead of planting green and white ash on your boulevard type trees, move to something like the basswoods, something like that that isn't as attractive to some of the pests out there."

Rowlinson said there's much research happening now to help with population control when the invasive species is found.

"I always use gypsy moth as a good example," he said. "It was introduced into Ontario in the '80s, and we thought it was going to be the demise of our oak trees on the landscape. It's been around long enough now that the parasites, the diseases, have built up within that population. I'm not saying scientifically that's going to happen with the emerald ash borer, but we do have a good example of the gypsy moth, that it has happened in the past."

Locally, emerald ash borer hasn't been found but its existence has been monitored.

"We have been monitoring for emerald ash borer at Haliburton Forest for more than five years, but we haven't found anything yet," said Malcolm Cockwell, managing director of Haliburton Forest, who said that at one point, professional researchers were doing some of the monitoring work. "However, in anticipation of its arrival, we have modified our forest management practices with the various ash species that grow in our area."

Cockwell said that in his own relatively short career as

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Our main message to the public in regards to reducing the impacts of all forest pests is 'don't import firewood – buy locally.'

— James Rogers
Forest conservation officer
County of Haliburton

a forester, he had already seen thousands of acres devastated by beech bark disease.

"Invasive species are a major and ongoing concern," he wrote in an email to the *Echo*. "I do believe that invasive species pose a greater threat to our natural environment than any other anthropogenic impact."

To prevent the spread of emerald ash borer, the message from every organization and agency is consistent: don't move firewood.

"Our main message to the public in regards to reducing the impacts of all forest pests is 'don't import firewood – buy locally,'" said James Rogers, forest conservation officer with the County of Haliburton.

"To prevent the spread of invasive species, it is critical that visitors and residents alike limit the movement of wood from southern Ontario into Haliburton County," said Cockwell. "It is also good practice to wash off boats as well as ATVs and mountain bikes when riding in different areas."

"The big message we get out there is that moving wood products from infested areas to uninfested areas is probably one of the number one ways it does get spread around," said Rowlinson.

Rusak cited a map showing the current presence and movement patterns of emerald ash borer.

"The bug can move up to 10 kilometres a year naturally but often it'll move from one ash tree to the next ash tree, so its movement is basically tree to tree, however if the ash tree is cut down and the larva are in the bark and the larva are carried to a campsite or something, that's potentially a spread of the bug," he said.

"So a lot of its movement is through infected lumber, and that's why you see things popping up in Manitoba and Nova Scotia ... where there's been none sighted ever and the closest one is Quebec that it's been sighted, and that would be due to infected lumber. It doesn't just suddenly appear there ... Where it is, you can see on the map, there's a jump from Montana to Colorado basically, and that's mainly due to this movement of infected lumber," he said.

Moving ash material and any type of firewood from specific areas of Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia is federally prohibited and subject to fines or prosecution.

For more information, visit ontario.ca/page/emerald-ash-borer.

Shoppers store targeted in theft

Higher end fragrances and dermatology products were stolen from the Haliburton Shoppers Drug Mart store on Saturday, Nov. 17, according to information circulated by the Haliburton BIA.

Staff were not aware the theft was taking place at the time.

Management later discovered items were missing after an examination of footage from surveillance cameras, following a tip from the Shoppers Drug Mart in Bancroft.

The theft was part of a co-ordinated effort aimed at Shoppers for specific products only they offer in the area. No one at the store was hurt or threatened in the incident.

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Top right, Liam Taylor looked like one of Santa's elves as he watched the parade on Friday, Nov 23. Left, marching band, the Kawartha Kavaliers, brought the beat as they made their way down Highland Street. /JENN WATT Staff

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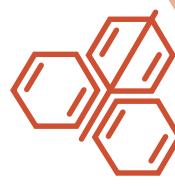
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Adjusting to Doug Ford's Ontario

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Staff Reporter

When it comes to navigating the political landscape under Premier Doug Ford, Ontario municipalities should expect the unexpected, says David O'Brien.

O'Brien, whose career consisted of a number of high-level municipal administrative positions including city manager of Mississauga, was the guest speaker at a Nov. 15 event hosted by the Haliburton Highlands chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women entitled Reinventing Local Government – The Doug Ford Way.

"I'm not going to castigate Premier Ford, and I'm not going to castigate any of his ministers, or anything like that," O'Brien told a crowd in the great hall at the Haliburton Fleming College campus.

"We have to be prepared for a decision-making process dramatically different than we've had in the last 15 years, and I mean dramatically different," said O'Brien, now a resident of Wilberforce. "This will be a government that will begin to systematically dismantle much of what has been done in the past."

Since coming to power in the spring, Ford's majority government has already walked back, or announced plans to walk back, a number of programs and initiatives instituted under the Wynne and McGuinty Liberal governments. These include but are not limited to the cancellation of the province's cap and trade system (which, as O'Brien pointed out, led to the cancellation of a bioheat project in Haliburton Village that had received \$3 million in funding), the cancellation of the basic income pilot project, and changes to social services.

O'Brien, who emphasized that Ford and his government have been democratically elected to fulfill their mandate, pointed to what essentially amounted to lack of a policy platform by the PCs during the spring election.

"We give them the right to exercise their platform," he said. "Some would argue, and some of that argument has some legitimacy to it, that the current provincial government may not have defined their platform as clearly as other platforms have been defined in elections."

"So we are, to a large extent, developing a platform as we govern in this province," O'Brien said, adding this would have myriad implications as the consequences of decisions made broadly across the province come to light.



During a Nov. 15 talk hosted by the Haliburton Highlands chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women, former Mississauga city manager David O'Brien spoke about the challenges municipalities may be facing under the new provincial government. / CHAD INGRAM Staff

in local manifestations – such as the cancellation of the Dysart bioheat project

“What do you expect?” he said. “Expect the unexpected. Expect changes to the way we have traditionally done business in this province. Expect new things to come that we thought would never happen in this province.”

O'Brien said the Ford government would be one that prioritizes business over government.

"Mr. Ford is a gentleman who is not a fan of government, and he has said that, I'm not making that statement," he said. "He's a person who has very strong opinions about municipal government. Don't forget, he was a councillor in Toronto. Don't forget who his brother was. Don't forget the struggles he had and his brother had in the municipal sector in Toronto. There's all kinds of things that are sort of boiling behind the scenes that I think we haven't seen yet."

A manoeuvre by the Ford government that drew much attention and criticism was its forced, near halving of the

size of Toronto city council earlier this year, during a municipal election campaign.

O'Brien spoke of "two Ontarios" – rural Ontario and urban Ontario, their very different needs in terms of provincial support, and how it can often be difficult for smaller, rural municipalities to compete for provincial attention, and dollars, with larger, prosperity-driving urban municipalities.

He pointed to ongoing local challenges, such as poor internet and cellular connectivity and reliance on a seasonal economy.

"We're going to have to really rattle the cage hard, and make all kinds of noise about us, up here, and how we're going to need their help to continue," O'Brien said. He said that it's important for municipalities to have the ears of cabinet ministers as much as possible, appearing before them as often as possible.

Longtime Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott is a member of Ford's cabinet, and is the province's labour minister. It's the first time she's sat on the government side of Queen's Park, after more than a decade of serving as an Opposition MPP. O'Brien said Scott's new position brings its own unique challenges.

"Laurie's in a difficult position," he said. "For the first time in her life, she's a cabinet minister. And, on the surface, you would say to yourself, that's a really good thing. And it is."

However, a complication, O'Brien said, is the rule of cabinet solidarity. "You stick together when a decision's been made . . . And we really have to help her to be successful, because she's going to have a tough haul of it, trying to get things for us, at the same time as she is trying to maintain cabinet solidarity."

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High school students discover new world in Ottawa

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

Exposing secondary school students to new career opportunities is at the heart of the annual Capital Experience outreach program for students.

Two Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students Josie Quigley and Kurtis Adams were part of a contingent of 14 students who visited Ottawa on the trip facilitated by MP Jamie Schmale's office from Oct. 21 to 23.

The students spent three days in the national capital, attending meetings with the ambassador of the United Arab Emirates; the chief herald of Canada; the registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada; Andrew Scheer, the leader of the Official Opposition; as well as Tim Powers and Katlyn Harrison of Summa Strategies Canada, a government relations firm.

Kurtis, who is in Grade 12, is hoping to become a lawyer. He has travelled to Ottawa in the past with his family, but has never seen the nation's capital like he did last month.

It was "really eye-opening. There are so many cool jobs that I didn't know about," he said.

He appreciated the special meetings, particularly with the registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada Roger Bilodeau, who is responsible for overall administration of the office under the direction of the chief justice.

At the beginning of Question Period, Schmale introduced the 14 students in the

gallery, naming each one. Kurtis called the moment "surreal." The representatives waved to the students, who waved back from the gallery.

He was surprised by how much the MPs argued for their party and the "almost juvenile" behaviour he witnessed, such as out of turn shouting by the political representatives.

"I'm still intrigued by it. It's a super interesting place," he said.

He said he's interested in politics as a career and that Schmale may have competition. Currently, Kurtis is serving on the school's athletic council.

He said a trip to Parliament Hill is a must for anyone interested in politics or other related careers. Getting the first-hand glimpse of life on the hill was a great experience due in large part to the people he met. They included professionals and other students, representing the entire political spectrum. Schmale said he appreciates being able to interact with the students through the trip.

"This is really a wonderful opportunity for me to work directly with some of our youth," said Schmale in a press release. "The program provides them with potential career opportunities they may not have previously considered or been aware of."

The Capital Experience was supported by service clubs, Legions and local businesses.

"A number of sponsors stepped forward to support a student from their community," said Schmale. "I want to thank them for helping me to make these young people more aware of the career options available to them."



MP Jamie Schmale welcomed Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students Kurtis Adams, left, and Josie Quigley to Parliament Hill a few weeks ago, as part of the annual Capital Experience. The two local students were part of a 14 student contingent, who toured Ottawa to learn about post-secondary school career options. / Photo submitted.

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It takes a village

THE ANNOUNCEMENT that 100 Kids Who Care, a giving circle for children, will launch in Haliburton County is an exciting one for the groups and organizations who will be impacted by the kids' collective philanthropy and for our community as a whole.

It means that charity organizations will have the chance to help local youth understand the work they do here, and potentially be chosen for a pooled donation as voted on by the group of kids and teens involved.

100 Kids Who Care will make a difference to county organizations, but it will make the greatest difference to those 100 kids.

Each participant will be asked to bring \$10 to donate to the chosen charity. While some kids might bring the allowance money they've saved from doing chores in their own home, others might need to do odd jobs or errands to earn the money, doing good in their neighbourhood to raise money they then donate back into the community.

They'll be responsible for leading the meetings – operating the registration table, hosting the event, and learning how to mediate, plan, and organize as a result. This group of kids, students from kindergarten to Grade 12, will be able to hear the impact of volunteerism firsthand from giving people throughout the county, and gain a better understanding of the importance of grassroots agencies in helping the most vulnerable in our community. They'll be inspired by people who have stepped up to help where there were gaps, learning the importance of compassion, thinking outside the box and community building. They'll be encouraged to offer not just money in the giving circle, but 100 minutes of their time to helping their neighbours. Perhaps most importantly, they'll be able to understand the value of working together, and the contribution an individual can make alone and also when joining together with others.



**Sue
tiffin**

Editorial

also relaxing in a safe space where their kids can move or make noise during performances. Use accessible spaces so strollers can be used with ease, and ensure water stations are easy-to-find and change tables are available in every public washroom. Support parents who might need a helping hand by offering a shuttle to the event, or a convenient, private place to breastfeed. Find ways for kids and teens to volunteer at your organization or event, or offer incentives for grandparents to bring grandchildren out to make memories together and bridge generation gaps.

The kids are alright, and we need to encourage their learning and experiences in this community by giving them opportunities to be engaged alongside us. Their involvement truly benefits us all.

You betcha

STUART DIDN'T know what to expect. He and Gus were on their way to the casino and although it was within an hour's drive, this experience would be a first for Stuart. Not being a gambler meant he had never had an urge to visit the place.

But this evening the two friends were going to take in a show at the casino. It featured an aging but still famous singer and since the tickets were a birthday gift, Stuart couldn't say no. He was also curious about the casino itself. Would there be glassy eyed gamblers ready to lose everything on the toss of a dice or flip of a card? What about those so-called "one arm bandits" that created zombie-like creatures who just sat for hours pulling or pushing on the slot machines?

What Stuart didn't expect was how impressed he'd be with the building itself. With many First Nations' architectural features he was impressed with the stone and timber interior, not to mention a gurgling stream that wound its way along the indoor walkways.

But it was the people that were the big surprise. First of all, there were a lot of them. And they ranged from 20-something hipsters to elderly purple-haired women with walkers. In fact there were many in the latter group, both men and women.

On one hand Stuart thought it was great so many seniors were able to get out and have a good time. But then he wondered how some of them could afford to be there. Because when he looked around at all these folks, the disparity was pretty amazing. Rich and poor, well-heeled and just a step away from homeless, everyone seemed to be caught up in the gambling bug.

Since they had over an hour to kill before their show began, he and Gus decided to grab some dinner. After helping themselves to an inexpensive buffet they settled down to eat. The subdued lighting, fireplace warmth and gurgling indoor stream offered a soothing respite from the outside world. Stuart felt himself relaxing into his chair until Gus suggested maybe they should check out the

gambling area prior to the show.

This idea made Stuart nervous. While he had no desire to play any of the games, he had heard how addictive they could be. What if he tried something and got hooked? What if he then decided to sit out the show in favour of trying his luck over and over again? But Gus dismissed these worries, saying Stuart just needed to loosen up a bit and try this new experience.

So they joined the stream of bodies heading for the gaming area. Ahead of them was a man who looked like he slept in his clothes and could use a shower. Beside them, a woman in sequined high heels and immaculate blonde hair-do sashayed like she had all the time in the world. Another woman who could have stepped out of a 1982 fashion magazine determinedly pushed her walker through the crowd..

The cavernous space housing the slot machines and gaming tables was packed. As Stuart stood looking and listening to all the activity he was struck by the lack of windows and timeless feel to the place. It could be six in the morning or midnight but there was no way to know because the artificial light never varied. This was its own little world.

Gus wanted to try one of the slot machines, "just for fun" he said, prepared to lose \$20 and no more. Stuart looked at him carefully. "We're still going to watch the show, right?" he queried. Gus rolled his eyes, and answered in the affirmative. Stuart said he'd walk around a bit more and they agreed to meet just outside the theatre in a few minutes.

While Gus was losing his \$20, Stuart took in the faces at the tables and machines. No one looked happy. All he saw was grim determination on faces of every age, colour and fashion sense.

As Stuart approached the lineup for the show, he saw Gus already there and joined him. It had taken about three minutes to lose the money, Gus reported with a shrug. Grocery store lottery tickets were more his style anyway.

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Blade runner

I'M NOT GOING to lie to you, I'm an old school guy. So when Jenn asked me where she could get new windshield wiper blades for her car and what size she needed, I was only too happy to step up and do what old school guys do – take command of the whole operation.

"Let's go," I said, "we'll drive there right now."

"Great," she said, "when we get there, will they change our wiper blades for us?"

I felt like a vampire who has been stabbed through the heart while being simultaneously dissolved by the rays of a new sunrise.

"Change our wiper blades for us?" I said incredulously. "Why not?" she said.

Jenn, for some reason, chose that moment to forget that I was a man – and I don't think it was just because I was playing Candy Crush on my phone.

In doing so, she forgot that, as a man, I have certain innate skills. Those include, but are not limited to, starting a fire, anywhere and anytime using only the lint from my belly button and an old shoelace, building a log cabin utilizing only a plastic spoon, changing a transmission, and rebuilding jet engines while in flight using nothing more than my trusty Multi-tool.

"Are you kidding me?" I said. "I will change the wipers. It's my birthright!"

Unfortunately, when we got to the service station, the only wipers they had in stock were the ones that required a person to read the instructions – which is

something that, as an old school man, I am contractually obligated to abstain from.

God knows I tried to do it the manly way. I wrestled with them. Cursed at them and once ended up almost making them fit, albeit on the passenger side door handle.

Finally, I looked at Jenn and said, "It cannot be done. Let's go buy a squeegee."

Then Jenn said the words that every man fears.

"Hang on, I'll read the instructions!" she proclaimed.

This left us with quite a dilemma. On one hand, I could watch her read and fully comprehend the instructions. Or on the other hand, I could run into the garage and get help from a professional before she actually did the impossible.

Just as I walked into the garage to suggest that I might need a lug wrench, hammer drill, metal grinder and various other shiny tools to install those wipers, Jenn tapped me on the shoulder and whispered, "We don't need any help. I did it."

So I looked at the mechanic and said, "Rest easy. I supervised the installation of two wipers without any damage to the premises."

By the time I got to the car, Jenn was beaming with pride.

"Is there anything else you need my help with?" I said. "Transmission alignment? Or I could wire up a trailer hitch for you."

"No," she replied. "Who knew installing windshield wipers was that easy?"

"That's why I wanted you to discover it for yourself," I grumbled.

As we pulled onto the road, Jenn said, "That's fantastic. Next time you need your windshield wipers replaced, I can help you."

"Sure thing," I said. And then I restarted Candy Crush.



Loon Tales

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pic of the past

This week's Pic of the Past is of Falconer's General Store in Gooderham. The store was purchased in September 1924 by the Falconers. Repairs and additions to the building were made about 1935. It later became Mountain View Lodge. This photo is from 1924. /From the Echo archives

letters to the editor

The train ride

To the Editor,

Somewhere in mid-1940s, from the back porch of my father's restaurant on Main Street Haliburton, I remember watching the trains as they arrived and departed at the Haliburton Railway Station on York Street. I was old enough to remember the soldiers, sailors and airmen returning home from the war. I remember the fuss everyone made. Folks would sometimes bring in a horse and buggy to meet the train, often the horses would go into a wild panic mode at the noise and the racket all those horseless carriages. The activity when a train pulled into the station was quite fascinating, the unloading and loading of baggage, the fond farewells, the greetings, everyone was coming and going. The train was our chief means of travel then; the station was where you went when you wanted to go someplace, start a journey, attend a hockey game, go to the Ex, visit the city.

I often took the train before the age of 10. My father played goalie for the Huskies and I'd tag along, from the time when I was four or five.

With my father owning The Haliburton Restaurant employing many waitresses, there was never any shortages of babysitters – so I'm told. I'd subsequently be among the hockey fans on the so-called Hockey Train, which would take the Huskies to play hockey in faraway places like Fenelon Falls, Little Britain or Lindsay to cheer on the team – and my dad! There were hockey buses too for the games at the hockey rinks nearer to home, places like Minden, Wilberforce or Gooderham and others.

One time, I had to take the train under extraordinary circumstances. It so happened, it seemed, I had hurt my back; I couldn't seem to move without my back kicking up a fuss, stabbing me dagger-like. I had difficulty doing much of anything especially riding my bike. I don't know how it happened; I could have hurt it the time I made a hard-left up Cedar Avenue and skidded on the curb scraping my knee, when I was racing on my bike down Highland Street; it could have happened when I was wrestling with Bruce in the outfield where we were

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Catching the train to Lindsay

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supposed to be playing ball at recess at Victoria Street School; it could have been when Monk chased me down the road by the rail track, running barefoot on cinders, at top speed – I guess I shouldn't have pushed him into the lake that time when he was swimming at the dock. I could have hurt it during bouncing, jousting and play-wrestling with Bill or Doug or maybe Gary; I've never been quite sure.

Finally, when I'd tried all I could to get rid of the pain, I asked my mother if she had a remedy. Mom, a registered nurse, knew exactly what had to be done. She immediately arranged an appointment for me in Lindsay at a place called The Chiropractor. A few days later having been briefed and given \$12 for the chiropractor and Mom sewing a \$5 bill into my inner jacket, for emergencies, I was off to the York Street Rail Station and to catch the train. I was 12; this was my first time away from home and entirely on my own; my biggest adventure so far! I was terrified and thrilled all at the same time. I don't remember actually buying the train-ticket – it must have been pre-arranged, but I remember getting aboard the train, conductors and trainmen running around importantly, the "All Aboard" and with a jerk and a clank, off we went. Soon we were all the way to Donald, then Lochlin and beyond to Howland Junction and into Kinmount. At each location we stopped to load/unload passengers and/or freight; I remember conductors, luggage and passengers coming and going and the bustle at the various stations. It seemed to take forever to get to the big city of Lindsay but suddenly there I was. The train station must have been near enough to Kent Street, the main drag in Lindsay, because I don't remember any difficulty leaving the station and finding the office of the chiropractor. Once in the office, I was ordered to lay face down and the doctor did his thing to my back. I don't remember much because I was so excited about the upcoming return trip.

Whatever the chiropractor did it worked just a little, at least pain was reduced but never really went away; its intermittent pain, keeps coming back. With the pain comes memories; I flash back to my first solo train-ride from Haliburton to Lindsay, the thrill and wonder of it. Today, by the time the memory takes hold, the pain seems to go away ... how curious!

Ed Burke
Minden



Dame Beatrice laughs with the audience during some banter with musicians Rob Muir, left, and Nick Russell at the Highlands Christmas Shindig. The annual event was held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on the evening of Nov. 24. /JENN WATT Staff



In a surprise appearance, MP Jamie Schmale, right, and MPP Laurie Scott knocked at the door during the Shindig and joined Dame Beatrice on stage for some good-natured ribbing.

Shindig warms hearts and homes

JENN WATT

Editor

An evening of hilarity, festivity and song brought people together at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on a cold and drizzly Saturday night to raise money for Fuel for Warmth.

The fifth annual Highlands Christmas Shindig once again wrapped the community in a warm embrace while bringing in an impressive \$27,220 for the local charity.

Performances included music by Nick Russell and Rob Muir; Sylvan Shore; Tomorrow Never Knows; The Rockin' Bobs; Jerelyn Cadden; and Slinky and the Boys.

The Highlands Little Theatre performed a scene about re-gifting presents and Steve Galea entertained with humorous anecdotes.

The evening's MC was Dame Beatrice (Mike Jaycock) with colour commentary by Sir Cedric Bridlington (Peter Jaycock) and Penelope (Victoria Bingham).

Lorraine McNeil, who for years played the character of Elf, passed away in February and her presence was missed. "Lorraine would want us to go forth, with great humour and full of happy thoughts," the program read. "And so we will. But, never forgotten."

The evening wrapped with all performers on stage leading a sing-along of "White Christmas," which included the audience.

Fuel for Warmth provides assistance to those in the Highlands struggling to heat their homes. Fuel oil accounts for about 56 per cent of the requests they receive with 34 per cent needing firewood.

Demand was up 18 per cent last winter over the year before, the charity reports.


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Fire chiefs 'ecstatic' about legislation changes, Cavanagh says

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The volunteer fire departments in Haliburton County have lost professionally trained members who've left their volunteer positions for fear of disciplinary action by the union.

"They were prevented mostly because of internal union rules, but it affected mostly our rural communities," said Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Labour Minister Laurie Scott, during an announcement regarding the legislation at the Minden Hills fire hall on Nov. 24. "We have a lot of professional firefighters living in rural communities in Ontario, and they couldn't volunteer back into their communities."

Scott noted the change has been a top request from organizations including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association. Along with changes to rules around double-hatting, the legislation also makes changes to interest arbitration when it comes to negotiations with firefighting unions, giving more bargaining power to municipalities in the process.

"This is not a new issue for me, I've been discussing this issue for 15 years," said Scott, who'd advocated for legislative changes to allow double-hatting during her many years as an Opposition MPP. "So, my entire time I've been elected, I've been trying to get legislation brought in to protect the double-hatter firefighters."

Scott was made an honorary fire chief at an Association of Ontario Fire Chiefs conference earlier this month.

"On behalf of me and the rest of the Haliburton County fire chiefs, we're ecstatic about the news," said Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike Cavanagh. "This has been a long-standing issue within the service for as long as I can remember, and definitely the tone in the room from across the province is very joyous and happy that we were able to put this issue to bed, finally. And the fact that it happened so quickly is wonderful. We're truly happy for the work Minister Scott's done on this issue."

Cavanagh said the changes would protect existing members of local departments, and may allow for members who've left to return. "It provides protection for double-hatters that we already have that are maybe trying to stay low key and fly under the radar with their unions," he said, "as well as, hopefully we'll be able to recruit some those firefighters we've lost in the past, as well as maybe recruit some new professional firefighters that might be in living in the area as well."

Volunteer fire departments can sometimes serve as a sort of training ground for those who go on to careers in professional firefighting, and Cavanagh said such individuals would now be able to continue to volunteer in the communities where they started out.

"When we hire young people, and they go on to further careers, they will still be able to work in the municipality that they've started with, which is wonderful," he said.

"We're very proud to have you as an honorary fire chief," Cavanagh told Scott.

County politicians are also thrilled with the changes.

"Certainly, in the region, not just Minden Hills, but rural Ontario, this is a huge benefit," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, adding it was advantageous for communities with volunteer fire departments to be able to draw on the technical capabilities of professionally trained firefighters.

"They're in our jurisdictions and involved with our fire services . . . that's a huge benefit, and they can do it without recourse," Devolin said.

Devolin added issues such as interest arbitration "manifest themselves in costs that aren't truly appreciated," and applauded those changes as well.

"I know there are a lot of changes that people aren't happy about, but this is definitely a change to be happy and joyous about today," he said.

Like Scott, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt has also spoken for years about the need for reform when it comes to double-hatters.

"I've been a strong advocate for the double hatter issue and I'm pleased to see this legislation," Moffatt told the paper. "I understand the union's perspective but I don't agree with it. I don't think it has any business telling firefighters what they can and can't do on their personal time. Rural departments like ours are struggling with recruitment and retention, and career firefighters are value-added members whose efforts should be welcomed, not quashed. At one time, the Stanhope Fire Department had five careered firefighters amongst its ranks and we were proud of that. In turn, our volunteer departments have inspired numerous young folks to pursue firefighting as a career and we're proud of that, too."

Scott said the legislation should be passed within a couple of weeks.



Ontario Labour Minister and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, fifth from left, joined local politicians and firefighters for an announcement at the Minden Hills fire hall on Nov. 24. The province is making legislative changes that will make it easier for full-time firefighters to also be members of volunteer fire departments. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

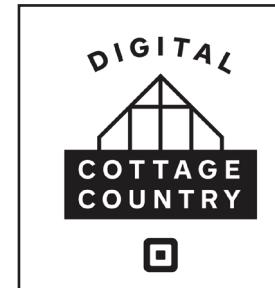
Highlands to Go Digital with Square

SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS across the region are being invited to take part in Digital Cottage Country, a first-of-its-kind initiative, to help businesses across Ontario's Haliburton Highlands modernize the way they run their businesses.

Local MP Jamie Schmale, leaders in the Highlands small business community, business owners and Square's Head of Canada Cathy Vigrass came together in October to discuss the challenges facing small businesses in the area.

"Running a business is hard and we learned it's even harder in cottage country areas that are highly seasonal, have unreliable internet connectivity, limited access to financial services, and where sales can happen just about anywhere," said Cathy Vigrass, Head of Canada at Square.

Addressing these challenges with accessible digital tools is at the heart of Digital Cottage Country. With Square's payments tools, there are no



monthly fees, sellers can swipe without an internet signal in Offline Mode, see deposits in their bank account the next business day and portable readers allow businesses to sell anywhere — whether on the go or at a counter. The offer is not just available to retail businesses — business owners from contractors to cafe owners, furniture makers to festival organizers, boat rental managers to breweries can sign up with Square. More information about the tools, resources and business support offered through Digital Cottage Country is available online at digitalcottagelcountry.ca.



MP Schmale Lends His Support

LOCAL MP JAMIE Schmale encourages businesses to consider taking part in Digital Cottage Country. "I'm very pleased to see companies like Square

focusing on the needs of rural and cottage country businesses and supporting economic growth through the Digital Cottage Country initiative," said Jamie.



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WENDY AND ADRIAN Vargas have a busy food truck business called Mega Munch in Haliburton. They started their business with Square in May 2018. Here's their story.

Wendy and Adrian love a variety of different foods and wanted to provide breakfast and lunch with a twist on family recipes that is affordable for everyone.

Running a business is a lot of hard work with a lot of long hours. When it comes to payments, Wendy and Adrian wanted to get started quickly and make it easy for their customers to pay in the ways they prefer, like tapping their cards. Wendy says, "We always tell our customers, we're high tech in Haliburton with Square!" After their first summer in business, Wendy and Adrian already have plans to expand their business. Stay tuned!

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Giving Tuesday encourages donations of time, money

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

During the time of year when many people are buying gifts, the Giving Tuesday global movement is bringing attention to donating and volunteering.

The GivingTuesday.ca website features

information on how to donate and get involved.

The one-stop shop for all the generous work performed by charitable organizations, provides a service to online search-

ers, who may be interested in helping and giving back rather than spending.

It's not only about donations. The public is encouraged to share what they're doing to help with CanadaHelps.org. Named charities have a chance to win \$2,500.

Giving Tuesday was started in the U.S. in 2012 as a response to Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

"After the sales of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, GivingTuesday is a time to celebrate and encourage activities that support charities and non-profits," the website reads.

Registered partners are posting to social media about Giving Tuesday and sending out messages and challenges, using the hashtag #GivingTuesdayCa.

One local partner is the Haliburton County Public Library.

CEO Bessie Sullivan welcomed the opportunity to join three years ago and has promoted Giving Tuesday on social media. She said people can consider donating the amount they've saved on discounted sales on Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Although the library doesn't have a donate button through the Giving Tuesday website, it does accept donations for programs such as the Community of Making, which requires funding beyond the library system's regular budget to sustain the program past next year. The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library raises impressive sums for the library, however additional donations can help with projects not covered by the group.

Other local organizations participating include SIRCH Community Services, Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, Medeba, and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

The land trust's Mary-Lou Gerstl said Giving Tuesday raises the profile of organizations like hers.

"It's another little way hopefully of raising funds for the land trust," she said.

The organization learned about the initiative through the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The land trust isn't holding a specific event for Giving Tuesday, but has an open house scheduled on Dec. 6 at their office building they share with Canoe FM at 739 Mountain St., Haliburton. It starts at 1 p.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The Enviro-Hero Awards, which recognize those who work to benefit the community, environmentally or socially, will be announced at 2 p.m.

Charities and not-for-profits can always use a boost, Gerstl said.

"Sometimes people aren't aware of them all ... It's not just the land trust. There are so many great organizations out there. The more people know the better it is," she said.

The initiative appealed to her because it helps extend the reach of the land trust to those outside Haliburton County.

"Global reach is what you're looking for," she said. "If anybody is interested in the environment and protecting the land so then hopefully they'll see our names and get something from it. Getting our name out there is what we strive to do as well."

As the GivingTuesday.ca website says: "Giving is a lifelong commitment, and a giving day is a special celebration, a reminder to all of us to think of others and our communities as well as ourselves. The most successful GivingTuesday campaigns are planned and launched weeks before the actual day, and many last until the end of December. Of course, we also encourage giving back throughout the year, whether through donations, volunteering or in whatever other ways we can. GivingTuesday is more than a moment, it's a movement."

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Hawks extinguish Flames in home opener

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

There's a bit of change for the Red Hawks boys' hockey team this season.

A new coach. A new community outreach initiative with Heat Bank Haliburton County. Plus, several new faces and names on this year's roster. The one constant for much of the time the Hawks have iced a team the past several years is winning. This year's home opener this past Thursday, Nov. 22 wasn't any different, as it ended with a 3-0 dominating win over the Campbellford Flames.

Rookie head coach Jason Morissette, who took over from long-standing coach Ron Yake, was proud of his team for how they played and how they executed in the home opener in front of a supportive and vocal crowd.

"It's a great start to the year. I'm excited. It's a great opportunity to work with a bunch of great kids. They're proud of their school and certainly represented it really well," he said.

Yake actually came to the game, speaking with the team following the win. Morissette appreciated the visit and the support. He said the two remain in contact.

Morissette said the key to the win was the play of his blueliners from rookie Grade 10 player Alex Little to veterans such as Shawn Walker, a Grade 12 student.

"Our defence was just fantastic," he said. "Shawn Walker, Alex Little. It was his first high school hockey game for him. He's an exceptional hockey player. He's one of these [players] quietly controlling the play," he said. "All four were great. Jacob Haedicke was great. Nik Dollo was great. We rolled with mostly four 'D' for the whole game and still [had to deal] with the penalty trouble. I complimented them in there: you did a really, really great job."

Goalie Carson Sisson earned the well-earned shutout with solid netminding, backed up by an efficient and controlling style of play by defensive unit. Forward Joe Boice scored the first goal in the opening minute. The puck appeared to be thrown on the net and then eluded the goalkeeper.

"It's one of those things you put it on the net and good things happen," he said.

It stood up for the eventual game-winner. Insurance markers were scored by Nik Dollo and Owen Gilbert, who unleashed a booming slapshot taken from inside the faceoff dot for the third goal in the third period.

Morissette expects discipline will improve. It's always a challenge for teens in their first game at home to not get too excited and emotional, committing infractions.

In the third period a hush came over the crowd when rookie forward Dylan Keefer lay on the ice following an incident with a Campbellford player, who received a major penalty and was ejected for the remainder of the game.

This happened right after a play when Keefer drew a penalty on the far boards. After he was tended to by trainer Brett Caputo, he was assisted to the bench by a pair of teammates, who helped him skate slowly off the ice. Morissette said Keefer asked to play, but did not return for precautionary reasons. It's unknown what injuries he sustained, if any. The Grade 9 student is the only freshman on the team.

One of the leaders for Morissette this season is assistant captain Haedicke. He welcomes his new role with the team in his sophomore year to help lead the team with captain Owen Smith, and assistant and fellow defenceman Walker. COSSA is the goal, he adds.

Morissette said he respects the high expectations of his players and the ceiling for this talented and deep team is high.

"We do have the team to do it, but just because you have talent [doesn't mean] that they're going to do the team thing. If they do the team thing first, I'd say, yes ... and they check any selfish [play] at the door these guys can do really, really well," he said.

The team's second game was against the Norwood Knights on Monday, Nov. 26 at the A.J. LaRue Arena where they won 7-1. Keefer who was injured in their first game was seen playing forward and defence.

See story on this game in the *Minden Times*.



Red Hawks forward Joe Boice dives for a loose puck, looking to beat the Campbellford Flames goalie Mason Waltz during the home opener on Thursday, Nov. 22 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks controlled the game and won 3-0 to start the season undefeated. /DARREN LUM Staff



Left, Red Hawks forward Benn MacNaull jostles with Campbellford Flames player Colby Turbeatt.

Above, Red Hawks defenceman and assistant captain Shawn Walker moves the puck from the back of his net.

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Button Bonus Bonspiel brings curlers to the ice

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

A fun in-house bonspiel to kick off the curling season saw almost 50 curlers at the Haliburton Curling Club on Nov. 17, for the Button Bonus Bonspiel Event for fitness,

fellowship and the chance to win some prize money.

Team Moss, made up of Sue Pettitt, Linda Boore, Cathy Moss and Dave Moss were the eventual winners of the day-long bonspiel and \$100 in prize money. Team Jan Ashall was the team that hit the button the most.

The club's season began in October, and the next nine-week session begins Dec. 3. Club board member Glenn Scott said a \$99 special for new curlers interested in

learning how to play is available, and that the program matches an encouraging buddy with each new member to help teach the basics of the sport.

"We're always taking curlers if they want to come out and join in," he said.

The Haliburton Curling Club celebrated its 75th anniversary last year. For more information, visit www.haliburtoncurlingclub.ca.



The Haliburton Curling Club hosted a fun in-house bonspiel on Nov. 17. Almost 50 curlers came out to the event for fun, fitness and fellowship. /Photos submitted



Sue Pettitt, Linda Boore, Cathy Moss and Dave Moss, who was skip, were the winning team of the Button Bonus Bonspiel event held Nov. 17.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

Form 2

IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Minister of Transportation for approval to expropriate land being in the Geographic Township of Dysart, Township of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton, Province of Ontario.

for the purpose of: Slope stabilization and highway rehabilitation at Hwy. 118 and all works related thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described in the schedule attached hereto.

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given, who desires an inquiry into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority, shall so notify the approving authority in writing.

- in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice;
- in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is the Minister of Transportation
Queen's Park Office
3rd Floor, Ferguson Block
77 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

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Engineering Office
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447 McKeown Avenue, Suite 301
North Bay ON P1B 9S9

SCHEDULE

All right, title and interest in the lands described as follows:

- In the geographic township of Dudley, Township of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton, being:
 - Part of PIN 39264-0155 (LT), being part of Lot 4, Concession 2, designated as PARTS 3, 4 and 5, subject to an easement over PARTS 4 and 5 in favour of Hydro One Networks Inc. Instrument No. H272182 on Ministry of Transportation Plan of Survey P-2367-10 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Haliburton as Plan 19R-10007.
- In the geographic township of Dudley, Township of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton, being:
 - Part of PIN 39264-0155 (LT), being part of Lot 4, Concession 2, designated as PART 3 on Ministry of Transportation Plan of Survey P-2367-11 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Haliburton as Plan 19R-10100.

THIS NOTICE FIRST PUBLISHED ON THE 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018.



Grants available for suicide awareness

Local schools within the communities served by the Canadian Mental Health Association, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge are invited to apply for grants to support grassroots initiatives furthering the vision of Team55 Let's Tackle Suicide Awareness for a suicide safer community.

Schools can apply for funds from \$250 to \$1,000 in order to raise awareness regarding mental health and incorporate strategies to prevent suicide.

This funding was made possible through a donation received by Team55 following their presentation at the Educational Computing Network of Ontario conference in 2015.

Dave and Heather Pogue spoke at the conference, sharing the emotional story behind Team55 and their determination to foster hope that suicide can be prevented. Following the conference, Team55 received a donation of \$10,546, which has been held in trust by the mental health association. It is Team55's wish that these funds be used to end the stigma of mental illness and save lives.

Since then, \$7,620 has been distributed to high schools engaged in mental health projects. There is still \$2,925 available.

Applications should be sent directly to CMHA HKPR, attention Jack Veitch, Manager of Community Engagement and Education, by Dec. 21, 2018. Once selections have been made, the funds will be released and must be used by the end of the 2018/2019 school year. The school must then submit a final report regarding how the funds were used by May 31, 2019.

To apply, schools must complete a form including the name and contact information for the teacher or councillor who will be assisting students in the project, keeping in mind the project should be a student-identified initiative. For the forms and other information about the grant, contact Jack Veitch at jveitch@cmhahkpr.ca or 705-748-6687 ext. 1015.

-Submitted

minor hockey

Midget

The Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Highland Storm Midgets had a busy weekend of hockey. It began with a 4-2 loss against the Huntsville Otters in Haliburton, Friday, Nov. 23. An action-packed game from the start. The Storm expected a tough game against the Otters and was down 3-0 by the third period. Frustration set in and the penalties began. Late in the game, the hard work finally paid off when the Storm closed in on the Otters' net and MacNaull found the opening. With just over a minute left in the game, the Storm pulled the goalie for the extra attacker, Huntsville retaliated and the Storm fought back. Seconds left on the clock, Vasey fed Smith and he closed the gap 3-2. Huntsville immediately answered back with a goal ending the game 4-2.

The next day the Midgets ripped the Parry Sound Shamrocks 6-3 in Minden. The Storm started the scoring early in the first. Morissette rushed in, fed Clements and he deftly rocked a wrap-around goal. The Shamrocks managed to tie the game, that ended the first period. The Midgets came out flying in the second. Haedicke collected the puck from Davies, deked through the defence and expertly back-handed in the second goal. Next, Morissette stole the puck at centre, took off on a breakaway and skillfully made it a 3-1 game. The Shamrocks got lucky with another goal, now 3-2. The Storm stepped it up, Haedicke intercepted a pass and gave it to Robinson. He took a quick shot and picked up his own rebound and a goal. Shortly after the Shamrocks got a breakaway and closed the gap, 4-3. The action-filled second period continued as Haedicke controlled the puck behind the net, then found Davies open and ready to secure the fifth goal, that ended the second. Both teams had a slow start. Late in the third, the Storm had some give and go action around the net, from Morissette to Clements and he chipped it in to finish off 6-3.

The following day the Midgets travelled to Huntsville and suffered a 3-1 loss. It was a tough game for the Storm team, short a couple of key players and the Olympic ice surface. They worked hard to end the first period scoreless and Carson Sisson was a pillar in net. Huntsville wasted no time in the second period, scoring seconds into it. The Storm struggled to get control, and the Otters took a 2-0 lead. Minutes into the third period, Haedicke rushed hard to the net, dropped a pass to Robinson, then picked up the rebound for a goal. The Otters continued to dominate and got another goal, sending the Storm team home with a 3-1 loss. Up next the Midgets will take on the Mariposa Lightning on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 8 p.m. in Haliburton.

By Suzanne Haedicke

Bantam

On Friday, Nov. 23 the Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House and Dollo's Foodland Highland Storm Bantams travelled to Pembroke to play in the Silver Stick Tournament. The first game the Storm took on the Kemptville Panthers. The Panthers were on the board first but the Storm battled back with a goal by Dylan Keefer assisted by Mathias Lee. The game was tied headed into the second. The Storm scored taking the lead with another goal by Keefer assisted by Matthew Wilson. The Panthers came back and scored to tie it up again. The Panthers took the lead late in the third but the Storm came right back to tie it up with a goal by Kyan Hall assisted by Nick Phippen and Keefer. The Panthers came back and scored again the Storm gave everything they could but fell short losing 4-3.

The Storm faced the Gananoque Flames their second game, taking advantage on

the power play with Phippen scoring assisted by Hall and Keefer. The Storm added to their lead in the second with a goal scored by Keefer assisted by Hall and Wilson. The Storm scored two more in the third but unfortunately they were both called off the Storm maintained the lead and took the game 2-0 giving goalie Darian Maddock the shutout.

The Storm faced the hometown Pembroke Kings their third game. The Storm were first on the board with a beautiful pass from Evan Armstrong, Hall scored on a breakaway. Pembroke tied it up in the second but the Storm took the lead again with a goal by Keefer unassisted. The Kings scored again to tie it back up. Both teams battled in the third period to try for the win but the game ended in a 2-2 tie. Maddock standing tall in the net again. The Storm awaited for the results to be posted to see if they would play on Sunday but unfortunately the Storm just fell short. Boys, you played great, be proud of yourselves. The next game for the Bantams is Friday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in Minden vs the Ennismore Eagles.

By Lisa Delisle

Peewee A

The JoAnne Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's travelled to the Orono to face the Orono Leafs on Friday, Nov. 23. The Storm dominated this game winning 10-0. The goals were scored by Addison St Cyr, Austin Boylan, Isaac Lee, Mak Prensite and Cooper Coles.

On Sunday, Nov. 25, The JoAnne Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's travelled to Newcastle to face the New Castle Stars.

The first period was all Newcastle as they scored three goals in the first. In the second Highland Storm fought back with a goal by Addison St Cyr and then a goal by Austin Boylan. But the Stars came back with two more goals and the score was 5-2 going into the third. In the third Addison St Cyr scored another goal trying to close the gap but the Stars scored their final goal and the score was 6-3. A tough loss for the Storm.

Up next on Nov. 27 at 6:30 The JoAnne Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's host the Sturgeon Lake Thunder at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena.

By Amber Card

Novice

This past weekend, the Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Highland Storm Novice rep team played in the Walt McKechnie Fall Classic in Haliburton. They played their first game against their rivals, the Centre Hastings Grizzlies. The Storm fought hard but the Grizzlies got in six goals before Henry Neilson took a pass from Isaac Trotter and fired it in for the Storm. The Storm took a 6-1 loss. The second game seemed to be evenly matched against the West Mall Lightning when the first period ended scoreless. However, the Storm outplayed the Lightning the next two periods with goals by Evan Perrott (2), Luke Gruppe, Max Rupnow, and Matt Scheffee. Goalie, Carter Braun, earned himself a shutout and the Storm won 5-0.

The Novices completely dominated their third game on Saturday against the Almaguin Ice Devils. Neilson earned a hat trick, Perrott scored two goals and Gruppe, Scheffee, and Trotter all took singles. On Sunday, the team battled the Douro Dukes. The crowd was on the edge of their seats through all three periods of back and forth play. Two goals for the Storm by Scheffee and Gruppe, and two goals by the Dukes finished the game with a 2-2 tie, and con-

firmed the two teams would match up again in the B championship.

The scoring in the B championship game began with a wicked slap shot by Jack Tomlinson from the blue line. Neilson fired the second one in top shelf, still in the first period. The Dukes reciprocated with a goal. In the third period, Perrott took a pass from Gruppe and fired it in, and Rupnow fought off several Dukes as he took the puck the length of the ice to score the Storm's fourth goal. The Storm earned the B Champions title with a 4-1 victory. The defensive team of Jaxen Casey, Easton Burk, Ethan DeCarlo, and Jack Tomlinson, combined with exceptional goaltending by Carter Braun, were essential to the Storm's success. Congratulations to the team for their hard work! Good luck in the Silver Stick tournament next weekend in Pembroke.

By Sara Gruppe

Atom LL 1

On Saturday the GJ Burtch Construction LL Atom 1 team travelled to Huntsville to face off against the high scoring little Caesar's LL Atoms. The undefeated Huntsville team had its hands full squaring off against the Storm. Despite numerous scoring opportunities the Storm was unable to get on the board until the end of the second period. Jacob Mantle made some impressive moves to get himself some open ice and put it in the back of the Huntsville net. Assists going to Jacob Davis and Eric Mueller. By the third period with the score 3-1 Huntsville, the Olympic sized ice and the short bench began to take its toll on the Storm. The Storm's Jacob Lloyd had some tremendous saves earning him accolades from the opposing bench staff and player of the game honours. Final 7-1 Huntsville. Next up the GJ Burtch Construction Atoms

will host the Silver Stick Qualifier in Haliburton Dec. 1 to 2. Games at 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

By Jamie Lloyd

Tyke

The Tom Prentice and Sons and Walker's Heating and Cooling Highland Storm Tyke team started their season on Nov. 24 when they travelled to Humphrey arena to take on the Port Carling Tyke team. The Tyke team has been practising hard and have been counting down their sleeps until the first game. They played four on four hockey with two-minute shifts, non-stop play on half ice. The first 22 minute period saw the Storm coming out strong with a goal by Nixon Ecclestone who then followed it up with three more. Blake Hutchinson ended the first period with a goal of his own. Kelson Bagshaw opened up the scoring in the second followed up with two more goals scored by Ecclestone. Nash Wilson earned the Storm another goal followed by a goal for Matthew Mueller. Rowan Johnson ended the game with a wicked shot scoring the final goal of this action-packed game. Brady Burke and Cooper Gilbert showed great defensive play and assisted with many of the goals. Goalie Jackson Robichaud showed off his skills by stopping all but three shots made by Port Carling. Up next the Tyke team will be headed to Campbellford on Dec. 8 where they will be participating in a one day tournament.

By Marita Bagshaw

Novice LL

The Brightwoods Landscaping and Consulting Novice Local League team took to the ice in Bracebridge against South

see page 16



The Municipality of Dysart et al is inviting applications from the public to participate on Municipal Standing Committees.

Standing Committee positions are generally filled for the four year term of Council and while we are currently seeking formal appointments, there will be many other opportunities to volunteer through ad hoc groups that will be created to manage specific projects and events.

Cultural Resource Committee – seeking two public members. One with the experience to represent the business community and the other, a youth representative that can speak to the needs of young people in the community.

Economic Development Committee – seeking four public members. Sign and Property Standards Committee – seeking three public members.

Events and Recreation Programming Committee – seeking three public members.

Committee of Adjustment – seeking three public members.

If you'd like to know more about the Committee mandates, meeting times and frequency and the details of how they work, the agendas and minutes are all published online at haliburton.civicweb.net, our website provides a lot of background information at www.dysartetal.ca and you can contact us directly at info@dysartetal.ca.

Please submit an expression of interest outlining your interests and what skills and expertise you feel you can contribute. This can be addressed to Cheryl Coulson, Clerk and dropped off at the office at 135 Maple Avenue in Haliburton or emailed to ccoulson@dysartetal.ca no later than Monday, December 10th at noon.

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Muskoka Envirotek this past Saturday, Nov. 24.

Brody Hartwig landed the first goal of the game with only 2:11 left in the first period. The second showed lots of back and forth action with goalie Carter Knapton making some great saves. Storm turned it up in the third dominating most of the period scoring four goals. Zachary Prentice started off just over two minutes in landing a beauty in the net unassisted. Hartwig scored his second of the game assisted by Hunter Hamilton. Tyler

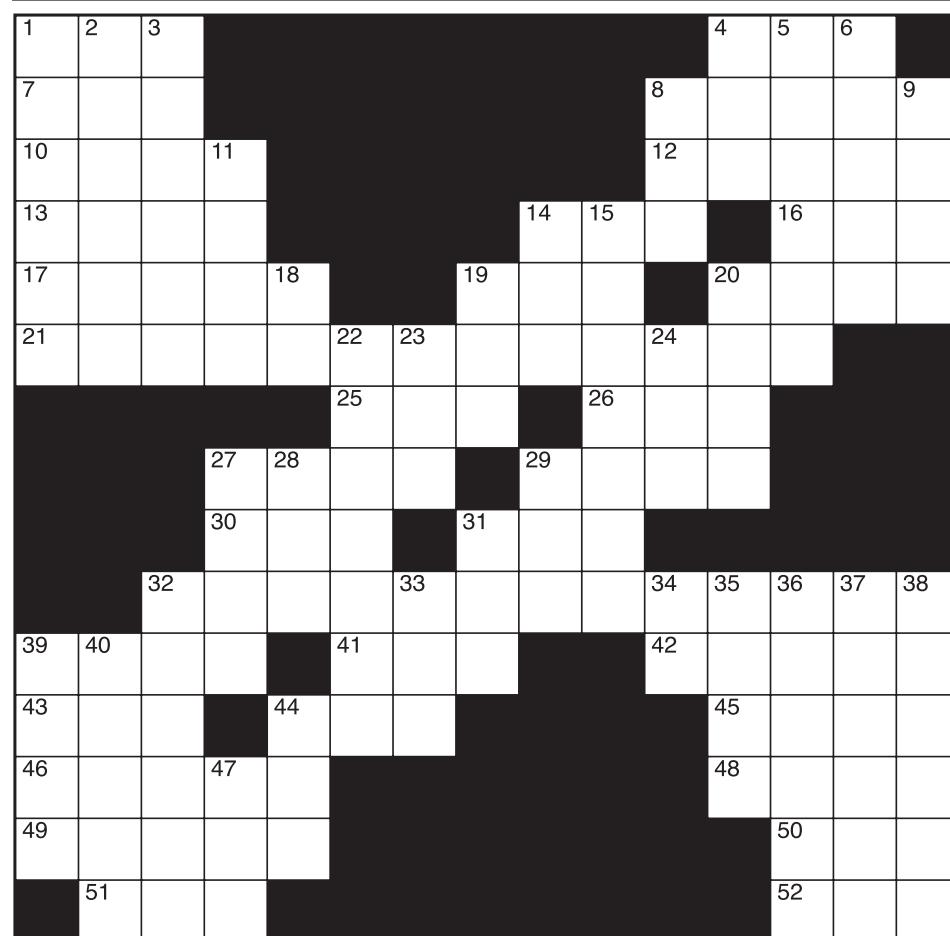
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Scottish lawyer (abbr.)
4. —bo: exercise system
7. When you hope to get there
8. Jewish spiritual leader
10. Long, pointed tooth
12. Hillsides
13. Scandinavian god
14. Keyboard key
16. Indian title of respect
17. The end
19. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
20. Domesticated animals
21. The gridiron
25. Disfigure
26. Central processing unit
27. Get in —: fight
29. Jacob — US journalist
30. One point north of due west
31. He said, — said
32. Where people live
39. Sheep noises
41. The ocean
42. Packers' QB Rodgers

43. One who buys and sells at the same time

20. In addition
22. In the company of

44. Place to get cash
45. Dog's name
46. Aviation enthusiast
48. Plant of the lily family
49. Larval crustaceans
50. Brooklyn hoopster
51. Military force ready to move quickly (abbr.)
52. Make an effort

CLUES DOWN

1. Set back
2. Flat
3. Place to gamble
4. Dark liquid
5. Mortified
6. Famed movie critic
8. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
9. Egyptian goddess
11. Type of garment
14. Extremely high frequency
15. More peppery
18. The big game (abbr.)
19. Single Lens Reflex

36. Align relative to points on a compass
37. LA ballplayer
38. Showing disapproval toward
39. "Diamonds & Rust" singer
40. Protects the wearer's body
44. Yes vote
47. British Air Aces

Answers on page 18

Hughes continued adding to the scoreboard assisted by Prentice. And Hartwig ended the scoring unassisted with another hat trick ending the game in a 5-0 score.

These players have continued to improve immensely each week and would love your support at our next home game scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. in Minden.

By Cheryl Smith

Novice 2 LL

On Saturday, the the Deweyen Simms

LL Novice 2 team hosted the Huntsville Near North in Wilberforce. The Storm came to play and everyone was on fire. McCartney Saunders got a hat trick in the first, with assists going to Levi Rowe, Travis Rowe and Mason Latanville. Saunders didn't stop there as he buried his fourth of the game in the second period. Latanville got his first of the game, assisted by Cooper Paterson and Levi Rowe. Twelve seconds later, Lyla Degeer got her first of the season, unassisted. With 25 seconds left in the second, Jacob Manning got the puck in the net for his first of the season, assisted by Colten Simms and Levi Rowe. Brycen Harrison was next to land one in the net at the beginning of the third, with an assist going to Paterson. A minute later Huntsville was finally able to sneak one in but Latanville quickly answered back, assisted by Harrison. Huntsville landed another in the net making the score 9-2. Again the Storm answered back with an unassisted goal from Harrison. Final score 10-2 Storm.

By Stephanie Harrison

Midget LL

The Highland Storm Pharmasave LL Midgets played a rematch game versus the Highland Storm Total Site Services last Friday in Minden. Like their first meeting the game was very fast paced and entertaining however the game remained scoreless particularly because of strong defensive work by Pharmasave and some very impressive saves by Total Site Services goaltender Damian Harris. Pharmasave did get on the scoreboard first near the end of the second period when Brenden Newhook, in close, buried a lovely pass from Paul Turner from behind the net giving Pharmasave the lead going into the third period. Jayme Coleman had two beautiful scoring chances on an early shift and Paul Turner had another chance as well but Harris continued to make highlight reel saves. Jake Sisson and Sam Hoenow were finally able

to get pucks past the feisty goaltender to make it 3-0 Pharmasave. Sisson popped in one more shortly after and Nate Mischio recorded the shutout with help from a strong defensive unit to give Pharmasave a 4-0 win.

The Storm was back on the ice Sunday to face against Huntsville. Huntsville didn't waste any time scoring early in the game when a player was left wide open in front of Nate Mischio. Huntsville went up by two at the end of the opening period when again a player was left alone. Teo O'Malley made it 2-1 on a pretty rush finished off with a nice wrist shot. Huntsville regained their two-goal lead in the final seconds of the period to take a 3-1 lead into the third. Huntsville took a commanding three-goal lead on a shot deflected from the point and would go on to win 4-1.

By Gord Hoenow

Midget LL

The Total Site Services Highland Storm Midget LL team faced Haliburton Pharmasave Midget team on Nov. 16 at A.J. LaRue Arena. Both teams were evenly matched and there were no goals scored in the first period. Total Site Services' only goal was scored by Caden Little with the assist going to Melissa Brinkos. Final score was 3-1. Many thanks to Parker Casey on a job well done for playing in net as a first time goalie! The Total Site Services Highland Storm Midget team played Parry Sound Tamarack North at S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden on Nov. 18. Parry Sound scored two goals, but Total Site Services came back and scored the next three with goals by Caden Little (unassisted), Haley Boylan with assists to Cody Martin and Melissa Brinkos, and Hunter Arnott (unassisted). Great goaltending by Damon Harriss for keeping his team in the game with his great saves! Final score 5-3 for Parry Sound. The next game is Nov. 23 at 8:30 p.m. at S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden.

By Sharon Brinkos

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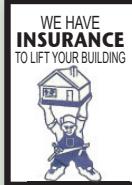
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UPCOMING Community Events

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Christmas Luncheon

When: Friday, Nov. 30, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Where: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd.
Minden
Bucket draw, bake sale, Santa squares.
Admission \$5 (snow date, Dec. 1)
Snow date is December 1st

Maple Lake Bake Sale

When: Saturday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m.
Where: West Guelph Community Centre
To guarantee your pie choice, pre-order with Merrie Barry
(705-754-2258).

Santa's Workshop Craft Sale and Lunch

When: Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Lloyd Watson Community Centre, Wilberforce
The Wilberforce Heritage Guild invites you to their annual
Christmas craft sale. Come browse unique and one-of-a-kind items. "Buy close by" from the many area vendors.
Members of St. Margaret's Anglican church will have lunch
available.

Gord Kidd & Friends, Brad Sales & Ian Pay at the Minden Legion

When: Saturday, Dec. 1, 2 to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
Light lunch available, 12 to 2 p.m., Christmas Bazaar and
Bake Sale
No cover charge

Highlands Festival Singers

Deck the Halls with Songs and Laughter is a fun concert
featuring the lighter side of Christmas music. When:
Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George Street,
Haliburton (corner of George and Pine)
Ticket Price: \$15 General Admission
Tickets available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton, Minden
Pharmasave, Minden, or by calling 705 457 4916

Haliburton Pastoral Charge

When: Sunday, Dec. 2 – First Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m.
singing; 10:30 a.m. service
Where: Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin Rd., Minden
Joint Pastoral Charge Communion Service

A Christmas Carol

When: Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday,
Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church
Presented by Highlands Little Theatre and Haliburton
Highlands Museum with live music by the Christmas Carol
Choir. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Master's
Book Store, Haliburton; Sassy Digs, Minden or Haliburton
Highlands Museum. A portion of the proceeds to Fuel For
Warmth.

Minden: Community Christmas Luncheon

When: Thursday, Dec. 6, noon to 2 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
\$19. Hosted by Community Support Services (HHSS).
Entertainment, turkey dinner with dessert, tea and coffee.
Call 705-457-2941 to order your tickets. RSVP by Nov. 23.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Open House and Enviro-Hero Awards

When: Thursday, Dec. 6, 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: HHLT Office, 739 Mountain St. Haliburton
Enviro-Hero Awards announced at 2 p.m.
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Kinmount Christmas in the Village

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Bonspiel glows in Wilberforce

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2018

Lots of action for young hockey players at the Wilberforce arena here last Saturday. Some players were from as far away as Huntsville and Bracebridge. Good to see hockey families enjoying breaks at the diner as well as the arena snack bar.

Thanks to Kathy McQuigge for curling club news. In the recent Glow In the Dark bonspiel there were four local teams and four teams from out of town. The winning team was the Lambert rink from Woodville. In second place was the Strong team from the Wilberforce Club. The Hirst team from Killaloe placed third.

Due to popular demand the Jan. 12 mixedspiel will be

a Glow In The Dark Costume bonspiel.

A final reminder that this coming Saturday, Dec. 1 is Santa's Workshop Craft Sale at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many unique items are usually available. The colourfully laden tables may be just what you need to get in the Christmas spirit. And to help with that be sure to check out the food that people from St. Margaret's church will have ready in the kitchen. Lunch there with friends could be fun. The coffee and tea are free all day.

Enjoyed greatly the North Hastings Community Choir's concert "When Christmas Fills The Heart" last Sunday afternoon. In the beautifully decorated hall in Bancroft Melissa Stephens directed the choir accompanied by Rod Moffitt. This second of two performances was well received by a full house. It was a delightful program that pleased with its range and variations. From the opening "Do You Hear What I Hear?" to "Mary, Did You Know?" and "The Christmas Song" it surely filled my heart with joy. A special thanks to Marg and Bill for such a fine gift of music.



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Bylaw dept warns public against parking all day in paid spots in downtown

The Municipality of Dysart et al is reminding the public of the two-hour limit on downtown parking.

Last week, the parking meters and paid parking units were covered to promote local holiday shopping. Since then, bylaw enforcement staff have found some people have parked their vehicles there all day.

Whether or not the meters are covered, local bylaws

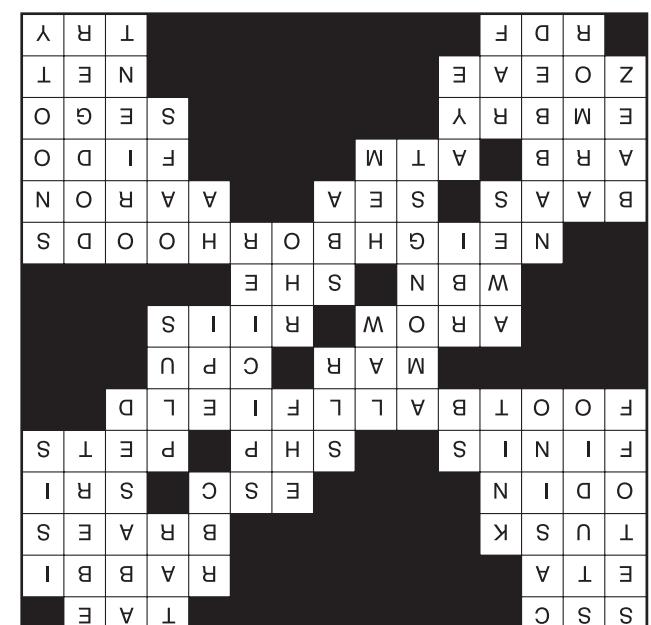
state that there is a two-hour maximum parking time in a paid parking space.

So far, the bylaw enforcement department has taken an educational approach, but will soon be issuing parking infraction notices to anyone who continues to park all day.

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This contract position is a work-from-home, flexible position, averaging 8 hours per week. Commencing January 2019 with the possibility of renewal at the end of 3 months. Must have a commitment to supporting the arts in its diverse forms; boating license an asset.

About Halls Island: www.hallsisland.ca.

Email resume:

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We would like to thank all applicants in advance and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. All information is collected solely for the purpose of job selection under the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



Township of Algonquin Highlands requires a TREASURER

The Township of Algonquin Highlands with a permanent population of 2,000 and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000 is known within Central Ontario as an area of natural beauty where residents enjoy a rural lifestyle second to none.

Due to an upcoming retirement, the Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Treasurer. Reporting to the CAO, the Treasurer provides sound financial management, ensures all legislative requirements are met and exemplifies leadership in support of the organization. As an essential member of the Senior Management Team, the Treasurer is a strategic thinker with a view to long-term planning who develops and manages the Township's financial policies and procedures. In this position you will be responsible for the following:

- Supervision of 3 full-time staff.
- Coordinates and leads the annual budget process, develops long-term capital/operating budget forecasts.
- Responsible for GL, FIR completions, monthly operating statements, taxation and municipal revenue functions.
- Responsible for Asset Management Plan in conjunction with appropriate Senior Staff.
- Maintains asset inventory in compliance with PSAB.
- Preparation of required financial statements and reports to Council and Senior Staff.
- Coordinates all audit requirements.
- Human Resources and payroll functions including benefit administration.
- Oversees insurance plans and risk management issues.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- A post-secondary education or university degree with an accounting designation (preferred) or an equivalent related mix of education and experience.
- Successful completion of Municipal Finance and Accounting Program.
- Certified Municipal Officer (CMO) designation is an asset.
- Significant demonstrated management experience and understanding of local government finance, municipal financial planning, financial information systems, municipal financial reporting, taxation experience, budgetary processes, and supervisory experience.
- Excellent interpersonal, financial, project/time management, organizational, analytical, communication, presentation, leadership and supervisory skills.
- Proficiency in computer software applications (including but not limited to Word, Excel, Outlook, Power Point and Township-specific financial programs).

Salary Range: \$98,917.00 - \$111,331.95

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit your resume and cover letter in confidence by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2018 to:

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All our Legion members and non-members who volunteered to distribute poppies.

& A very special thank you to the Highland Storm Bantam Hockey Team for their very generous donation and to the young man, an employee of Tim Horton's, who donated a coffee cup brim full of tips from the store.

There is hope for the future.

2018 Remembrance Day Parade and Cenotaph Ceremony

Thank you to the large crowd that came out to view the parade and Cenotaph ceremony.

Thank you to all the marchers, band members, Auxiliary Police and participants in the ceremony. Thank you to Andrea and Kirsten of Dysart et Al and the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary.

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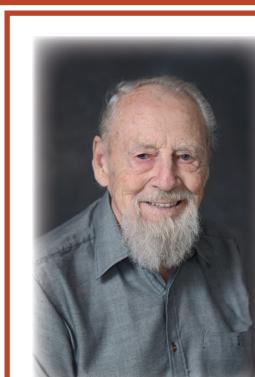
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Hilliwell, Charles "Chuck"

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Chuck Hilliwell on Tuesday November 20, 2018 at the age of 96.

Predeceased by his beloved wife Beatrice. Loving father of the late Wayne (1974) and Gail (Ralph). Cherished Papa of Maegan and Kelsie and proud great-grandfather of Brooklynn and Kinsley. Dear brother of the late Albert. Loving uncle to Dennis, Chuck, Mark and Dawn. Chuck's gentle loving soul will forever be missed.

Visitation will be held at the R.S. Kane Funeral Home, 6150 Yonge St, on Sunday November 25th from 2-4 p.m. Funeral service will be held in the chapel on Monday November 26th at 11 a.m. Interment to follow at Beechwood Cemetery. Condolences may be left at www.rskane.ca.



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Wintario sports equipment junk

Sports equipment sent to the municipalities from such projects as Wintario doesn't amount to much according to Dysart councillor, Gary McKnight.

Mr. McKnight called the equipment sent to the municipality "junk".

Wayne Wood, clerk-administrator of Dysart, pointed out that some time ago the municipality asked for some goal tending equipment in the largest size available but said all the municipality got was equipment in a smaller size.

He said last year there was a press release from the province stating that \$500 in equipment was sent to Dysart but the equipment was not good. Mr. Wood said it would be better if the municipality was given the money to buy the equipment.

The comments on the Wintario equipment were made after the council was read a resolution from another municipality which requests that Wintario buy the equipment from local distributors in each community instead of in Toronto where the equipment is purchased now.

Dysart council lent its support to the resolution.

Work shortage possible

Dysart Councillor, Harold Bannon is afraid there will be no work for the municipal workers in January and February.

He asked at Monday's council meeting if there were any other programs other than winter works that the municipality could get involved in.

Mr. Bannon said, "We need more than winter works." He added that the municipality could be in serious trouble in January and February.

Group home children must pay at Browndale

Browndale Schools have told the Haliburton County Board of Education that special education students attending Browndale classes from other group homes in the county will have to pay for the use of the Browndale building. Teachers at Browndale are paid by the Ontario Government through the Haliburton Board of Education.



The Haliburton Huskies Midget D team who were semi-finalists last year now have new jackets, courtesy of a large number of Haliburton residents who were generous with their contributions. Here, with their jackets and trophies are, left to right; back

row: Len Salvatori (manager), Bernie Nicholls, Tim Bain, Rod Conack, Ed Roberts, Mike Scheffee, Larry Stinson, Ken Lewis, (timekeeper), Mark MacDuff, Jim Thompson and Gary McKnight (coach); front row: Dean Potter, Kirk Potter, Tim Davies, Dwight Sisson, Joe Roberts, Andy Salvatori and Jerry Stephenson. Absent at the time of the picture were goaltenders Dale Laporte and Chris Roberts and trainer Ed LaPorte.

Veneer company needs guarantee to expand existing Wilberforce facility

Wilberforce Veneer and Lumber Co. is hoping to upgrade its present facilities or build a new one, but the company needs a guarantee

of supply of veneer lumber for the next six years.

Bruce Gibbs, wood super-

intendent for the company told The Echo that the main

source of supply is within 50 miles of the area. He

pointed out that it is from the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Algon-

quin Forest Authority and that it is trying to look out an agreement with to get the

six year supply.

Anti Inflation Board

Teachers' increases rolled back

per cent raise in salary on each grid position of the pay scale for teachers, and 2 per cent will go to group benefits.

The meeting was told that the elementary school teachers have accepted this settlement. Secondary teachers are still discussing the

Board's policy. There is no question, however, of an increase greater than eight per cent.

Program considered

Dysart council will be looking at the possibility of getting involved in the

Ministry of the Environment's derelict car program.

It was pointed out at Monday's council meeting that the program could possibly be run in the summer by students.

Councillor Harold Bannon

noted that the program would be a good thing for the community.

Reeve Murray Fearrey

suggested that the council invite the Ministry to a meeting to explain the program.

"If we do create some employment it is a good idea," Reeve Fearrey commented.

He said the program would likely involve a chipping ground and would be administered by the municipality.

He pointed out that they need to get wood-in the grade one bracket or the best of grade two. Mr. Gibbs said that they are asking the province for less than half the lumber they need.

Mr. Gibbs said that the company needs 1,200,000 board feet and is asking the forest authority for 500,000 board feet.

He pointed out that the company has been turned down so far.

The plans for the company, which is located in Wilberforce, are for the continuation and expansion of existing facilities to assure source of supply to provide needs of employees (including living accommodations) and to saw and cut veneer cores for pallet stock.

He said that a committee composed of people from Canada Manpower, company management and the union made these recommendations after a considerable period of study.

Mr. Gibbs said that as far as he knows, Wilberforce Veneer is the only dimension veneer mill in eastern Canada.

He pointed out that other veneer mills are into paneling. Wilberforce Veneer's only finishing products are trays and plates.

Wilberforce Veneer employs 58 people at the present time.

Area residents want more for tax dollar

A Dysart couple feel that they are not getting enough for the municipal taxes they are paying.

In a letter to council, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey of Betty Avenue pointed out that their taxes have increased by a great deal over the past few years.

They pointed out that their road is graded twice in the summer and the snow is not plowed in the winter.

Reeve Murray Fearrey commented that the Godfrey residence is zoning for seasonal use. He noted that a number of people are running into this problem where they want to be servicing after two or three years.

Deputy Reeve, Lloyd Comeau said that Mr. Godfrey should be reminded of the fact that his property is zoned for seasonal use.

Reeve Fearrey said the

municipality would like to plow all the roads eventually but right now do not have the facilities nor the money to do it.

Council asks ministry to move

Dysart Council wants the Ministry of Natural Resources to move its lands section office from Minden to Haliburton.

It was pointed out at Monday's council meeting that the ministry is operating the office out of a trailer in Minden while they have an empty building in Haliburton.

Reeve Murray Fearrey commented that this could be one way the ministry could save money.



Bill Scott, M.P. for Victoria Haliburton, Jim Gregory, Vice-President of the PineStone Inn's One 2 One Corporation, and John Eakins, M.P.P., enjoyed Sunday at the PineStone along with members of the media and others involved in the project. It was PineStone's grand opening weekend, and it really was grand. It's hard to tell whether these three have just finished the champagne brunch or the barbecue steak dinner. Both were excellent. There was also lots of time for guests to inspect the facilities, try out the golf course, tennis courts, pool and sauna. (See special PineStone section.)

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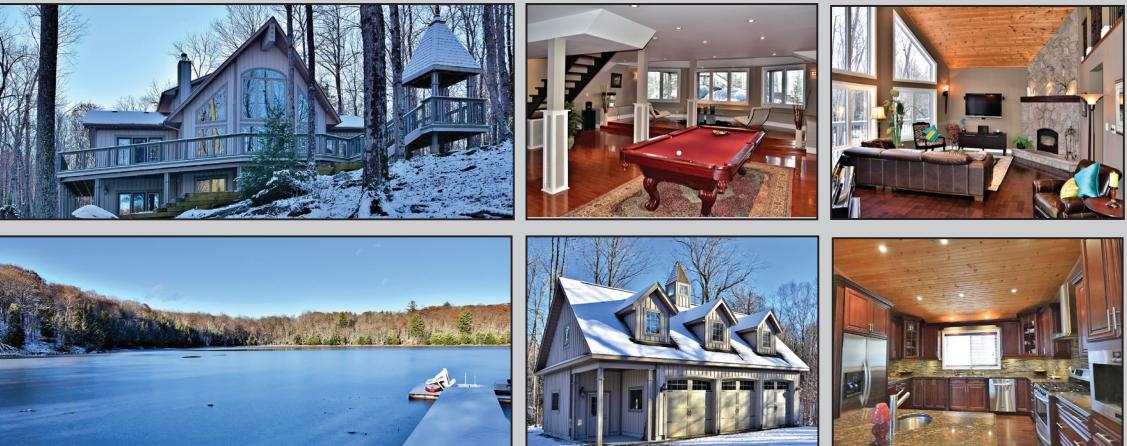
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